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Examiner: Adam A. Arciero

Title: Layer and Method for Protecting
Microbatteries by a Ceramic-Metal
Bilayer

Confirmation No.: 2535

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In complete response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 10, 2009, Applicants elect Group I, claims 26-41, drawn to device comprising an anode, cathode, dielectric, and a protective layer formed of a metal or metal alloy, for prosecution in the present application. This election is made with traverse. Applicants submit that unity of invention is present for claims 26-50, and thus the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) based on the non-elected claims.

Although it is believed that no fee is necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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